

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) A device for protection against voltage surges in an electric power supply line, comprising:

a Zener diode lightning arrester and a varistor, the arrester and varistor having respective connection terminals that are common and arranged in parallel, one of the connection terminals being connected to a line to be protected and the other connection terminal being connected to one of earth and a common conductor element; and

an envelope of substantially cylindrical shape having two ends that are metal rings insulated from one another constituting said connection terminals.

5. (previously presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein the Zener diode lightning arrester is arranged along a longitudinal axis of the cylindrical envelope.

6. (previously presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein the varistor has the shape of a tube which is disposed around the Zener diode lightning arrester so that a longitudinal

axis of the tube merges with the longitudinal axis of the cylindrical envelope.

7. (previously presented) The device according to Claim 6, wherein inner and outer surfaces of the varistor are respectively in contact with an inner metal tube and an outer metal tube which form electrodes of the varistor and which are respectively in contact with the metal rings.

8. (previously presented) The device according to Claim 7, wherein a connection between one of the metal rings and the outer tube is ensured by welding spots whose volume and number are such that they are adapted to melt under the effect of a voltage surge so as to perform a function of a disconnecter.

9. (previously presented) The device according to Claim 7, wherein a space inside said inner tube is filled with an insulating and resistant product.

10. (previously presented) A device for protection against voltage surges in an electric power supply line, comprising:

a Zener diode lightning arrester and a varistor whose respective connection terminals are common and that are arranged in parallel, one of the connection terminals being connected to a line to be protected and the other of the connection terminals being connected to one of earth and a common conductor element; and

a connector support which comprises means for respectively receiving the arrestor and the varistor and which ensures their connection in parallel as well as the connection of their respective connection terminals with terminals of the device.

11-13. (canceled)